

City of Bloomington Utilities Department Grease Waste Management Policy

Grease Interceptor. Grease interceptors shall be installed and maintained, when a Sewer User operates a restaurant or any kitchen facility not located within a dwelling unit (as defined by 675 IAC 13-1-8). Grease Interceptors shall be installed unless the Director determines that the installation of a Grease Interceptor would not be feasible or appropriate, and authorizes instead the installation of a Grease Trap or other alternative pretreatment technology. The Sewer User bears the burden of demonstrating that the installation of a Grease Interceptor is not feasible.

The Director reserves the right to make determinations of Grease Interceptor and Trap adequacy, need, design, appropriateness, and conditional usage. The Director also reserves the right to require repairs, modifications or replacement of any grease control structure or measure. The Sewer User must obtain the Director's approval for Grease Interceptor and Trap adequacy, design, appropriateness, and conditional usage, prior to commencement of facility operation.

All plumbing and equipment fixtures that are connected to the plumbing system and are deemed by the Director to be grease-contributing shall be connected to a Grease Interceptor or Trap. Neither food grinders nor dishwashing machines shall be connected to Grease Traps.

An access point for sampling activities must be provided in the waste line exiting the Grease Interceptor or Trap. The sampling point must be located within three feet of the Grease Interceptor or Trap outlet, upstream of any additional wastewater contributions, and be easily accessible for sampling and inspection.

Grease Interceptor Maintenance shall be conducted a minimum of every ninety (90) days or more frequently, if the unit has accumulated waste, both floatable and settleable, accounting for 25% of its wetted depth, as measured from the static water level to the interior tank bottom.

Grease Trap Maintenance shall be conducted a minimum of every thirty (30) days or more frequently, if the unit has accumulated waste, both floatable and settleable, accounting for 25% of its wetted depth, as measured from the static water level to the interior tank bottom.

The Sewer User shall maintain a written record of Grease Interceptor and Trap maintenance dating back three years. All such records must be made available for on-site inspection by representatives of the City of Bloomington at all times. These records shall include:

- Name and physical location of facility
- Date and time of interceptor or trap service
- Name of service company or employee who performed interceptor or trap maintenance
- Estimated or measured volume of removed wastes
- Waste disposal location or method

The use of biological, enzyme or other additives as a grease degradation agent is conditionally permissible, upon prior written approval by the Director.

The Interceptor or Trap shall not be utilized for the storage or disposal of bulk waste grease, spent fryer oil, or products qualifying for recycling or landfill disposal.

The owner of the property on which a Common Grease Interceptor and/or the facilities discharging to a common interceptor are located shall be primarily responsible for the maintenance, upkeep, and repair of the common interceptor.

Any approved variance from the rules set forth in this section must be made in writing and issued by the Director or his authorized representative.

Definitions

Common Grease Interceptor. One or more grease interceptors receiving FOG-laden wastewater from more than one establishment.

Director. The director of the utility or any duly authorized representative acting in his behalf.

Dwelling Unit. Any building or portion thereof which contains living facilities, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation, as required by the Indiana Building Code (675 IAC 13), for not more than one (1) family, or a congregate residence for ten (10) or fewer persons. For purposes of this standard, dwelling unit includes hotel rooms, dormitory rooms, apartments, condominiums, sleeping rooms in nursing homes, and similar living units.

Grease Interceptor. A structure or device designed for the purpose of removing and preventing fats, oils, and grease from entering the sanitary sewer collection system. These devices are below-ground units in outside areas with a minimum capacity of 750 gallons.

Grease Interceptor or Trap Maintenance. The complete removal of all accumulated waste content. Waste content includes, at a minimum, all floatable materials and settleable solids.

Grease Trap. A device designed for the purpose of removing and preventing fats, oils, and grease from entering the sanitary sewer collection system. These devices are typically compact under-the-sink units located near food preparation areas.

Sewer User. Any person, including those located outside the jurisdictional limits of the city, who contributes, causes or permits the contribution or discharge of wastewater into the City of Bloomington POTW, including persons who contribute such wastewater from mobile sources, such as those who discharge hauled wastewater.